



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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Dear Interested Party:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service is in the midst of formal recovery planning for Pacific salmon and steelhead listed as threatened or endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. We are currently soliciting nominations for new members to the Recovery Science Review Panel, a distinguished panel that provides critical scientific advice to West Coast salmon recovery planning efforts. During the past three years, under the guidance of Dr. Robert Paine, this panel has provided insightful recommendations that have greatly contributed to salmon conservation on the West Coast. Panel member's three-year appointments are ending, and we are seeking highly qualified scientists to join this esteemed panel. We encourage and invite your nominations.

The following announcement provides details on the current panel and information on the nomination process. Note that the deadline for receipt of nominations is July 15, 2003. Please forward this announcement to other potential interested parties. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your interest. If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact Dr. Beth Sanderson ([Beth.Sanderson@noaa.gov](mailto:Beth.Sanderson@noaa.gov), 206-860-3410) or Dr. Robin Waples ([Robin.Waples@noaa.gov](mailto:Robin.Waples@noaa.gov), 206-860-3254).

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